

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KFEQ 680 AM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend one of St. Joseph's premier radio stations, KFEQ 680 AM, for their civic-minded efforts in assisting local residents during a massive ice storm that struck northwest Missouri.

At home, KFEQ entertains and informs the Greater St. Joseph area with news, talk, sports, farm and severe weather coverage. However, during the week of December 10, when northwest Missouri residents experienced power outages, KFEQ broadcasted vital information to listeners with around-the-clock coverage for 4 days.

Staff members, many without electricity in their own homes, braved the bad weather with the aid of generators, candles and battery-powered flash lights to provide information and comfort to their listeners.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a remarkable regional resource, radio station KFEQ, in recognition and appreciation for serving the public.

HONORING ROSE KAPLAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the retirement of Rose B. Kaplan, area director for 16 Social Security Administration offices in the Washington area. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Kaplan for her dedication to a lifetime of public service. She has served many congressional offices and constituents in the Nation's capital region, including Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and West Virginia, over her 40-year career with Social Security.

Rose has had a distinguished career with the agency. She began as a GS-2 typing clerk and progressed up the ranks of responsibility, eventually gaining her current position as area director. She has been honored several times for great leadership and commitment to the Agency's mission, most recently receiving the Commissioner's Team Award for compassion and leadership in the Severely Injured Marines and Sailors, SIMS, project involving expediting support and processing of military casualty claims. Ms. Kaplan was also integral to shaping and implementing the region's diversity strategy, formulating training and culture programs.

Ms. Kaplan has resided in the Washington area for most of her life and currently lives in Montgomery County, MD, with her husband, Phil. She plans to travel and spend more time

with her family upon retirement. I am pleased to call attention to her accomplishments and ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing her outstanding service.

HONORING DOROTHY BERRY OF SPRING HILL, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Berry of Hernando County, Florida. Dorothy has done something that all of us strive to do, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate her 100th birthday.

Dorothy was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on September 29, 1906 and is the oldest of five children. Married twice in her long life, her first husband was Thomas and her second husband was Trevor. She gave birth to three children, all of whom have now passed away. Dorothy says she feels blessed with her ten grandchildren, six great grandchildren and her one great, great grandchild, a girl.

When asked what the fondest memories of her childhood were, Dorothy said "everything," because she spent a lot of time with her grandmother, which was a great time. One particular childhood memory brought her into close contact with a U.S. President. She and her friends were playing in the street and they saw a bunch of people down by the waterfront. They went to see what the commotion was and saw that it was a man who seemed to be preaching to the people. After he finished preaching the man came up to them and gave each one a brand new buffalo nickel which had just been released. Dorothy spent her nickel at the candy store and when she got home she told her mother what had happened, and her mother said well that was President Teddy Roosevelt speaking.

After attending school in Fords, New Jersey, Dorothy worked in different factories for a brief time and then became a homemaker. She said the happiest moment in her life was her marriage to her second husband Trevor, remembering that, "He was a wonderful man!" Dorothy also remembers in 1918 at the end of World War I everyone was celebrating in the streets. She said that, "There was so much hugging and kissing going on, it was so exciting."

Although her eyesight and hearing are almost gone, Dorothy spends her days sitting and talking to God to give her strength. In fact, her best advice to young people today is to, "sit down and read the Ten Commandments and obey them." While there is nothing that Dorothy would change or do over in her life, she would like to go back to her younger days. On vacations, she would visit Florida and had decided that when she retired she would retire on the Gulf Coast. Dorothy eventually moved to New Port Richey about thirty-

five years ago and then moved to Hernando County in 1980.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Dorothy Berry for reaching her 100th birthday. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as her.

TRIBUTE TO THE DOYLE VOLUNTEER HOSE COMPANY NO. 2

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great appreciation that I rise today to honor a dedicated and 70-year active volunteer of the Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2 in Cheektowaga, NY.

Edward A. Tokasz joined the Doyle Hose Company in February 1938. Since this time he has committed himself to the company and to aid the people of Cheektowaga. As a continuous member of the hose company since joining, Edward has taken on many leadership positions. In just his second year with the Doyle Volunteer Hose Company, Edward became 2nd Assistant Chief where he quickly rose to 1st Assistant in 1941, Treasurer in 1948, and President in 1958.

Most notably, Edward Tokasz served as the Treasurer for the Doyle Fire District from 1948 until 2007. In the capacity of Treasurer Edward demonstrated his integrity and hard working nature that allowed him to provide the district with a great deal of service that was delivered with honor.

Edward Tokasz's involvement in the fire department spread further than his hard work as Treasurer. While he was the District Treasurer, he also served a total of 5 terms as a member of the Board of Directors. Additionally, Edward took on the role of Sergeant-at-Arms from 1984-1994. Presently, he serves as the Doyle Fire District Deputy Treasurer.

Thus, Madam Speaker, in recognition of his 70 years as an active member of the Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2, and for his dedication and service to the people of Cheektowaga, NY, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring Edward A. Tokasz.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES C. REDD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition for Athletic Director, Dr. James C. Redd. On February 10, 2008, Dr. Redd will be enshrined into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim excelled as a student athlete throughout high school and college thereby earning First

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